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I Former Stanford University swimmer Brock Turner has registered as a sex offender in his home state of Ohio, following his conviction for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman in 2015 and public outrage over his six-month jail sentence. The controversy over a sentence seen as too short and over the fact Turner, a one-time U.S. Olympic hopeful, was released early has stoked intense debate about sexual assault on U.S. college campuses and beyond. Turner, 21, was freed from jail last Friday after serving just half of his sentence for convictions of assault with intent to commit rape, penetration of an intoxicated person, and penetration of an unconscious person. California jail inmates can serve half time for factors like good behavior. **REUTERS**



FIRE GUTS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT SHED IN MARYLAND

2 A fire on Tuesday gutted a storage shed at a U.S. Department of Agriculture complex in Maryland that was closed last week because of threats, fire officials said. A spokesman for the Prince George's County fire department reported the blaze at Building 426 at the USDA's Beltsville facility was extinguished just under two hours after he sent an initial tweet on it. An Agriculture Department statement said the fire occurred at a storage shed and there were no injuries. The cause of the blaze is under investigation, it added. Live TV footage showed the wood frame building engulfed in flames, with part of the walls missing and a section of the roof gone as firefighters poured water onto the structure. A USDA spokeswoman had no details on whether the building was burned to the ground or if anything was stolen. **REUTERS**

PAYPAL, MASTERCARD REACH DEAL FOR STORE PAYMENTS

3 MasterCard Inc. said on Tuesday it had expanded its deal with payment processor PayPal Holdings Inc., which would allow customers to use PayPal's payment services in stores. PayPal's partnership follows a similar deal with MasterCard's larger rival Visa Inc. in July as the company looks to expand its payments network. PayPal will allow users to select a credit or debit card as the default payment method and share data on transactions made through MasterCard's tap-and-pay feature, which allows the shopper to wave a card or mobile phone over a reader to pay, the companies said in a statement. As part of the deal, MasterCard will allow PayPal users to withdraw cash from their accounts using a debit card and also waive the digital wallet fee it currently charges PayPal. **REUTERS**



From advocacy to administration

Metro caught up with first-term councilwoman and longtime education crusader Helen Gym to discuss her transition to City Hall and her vision for the School District of Philadelphia.

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Helen Gym is, in a word, transformative.

A longtime education reform advocate, Gym's list of successes for Philadelphia public schools and its students has only become more impressive since her involvement with a 2010 federal civil rights case to end the harassment and bullying of Asian-American students at South Philly High School.

Since her swearing-in ceremony in January, Gym has successfully secured clean drinking water fountains in every public school building stemming from her advocacy against lead-contaminated water in schools, has called police use of force in schools into question and is working toward ensuring universal pre-kindergarten in the school district.

Last week, Gym attended a meeting with members of the Department of Human Services and activists to discuss youth homelessness, and heard testimony from young people who had lived on the streets of Philadelphia. Metro caught up with the councilwoman.

You're 200-some days into your first term, councilwoman. What has the transition from an advocate to someone on the inside in City Hall been like for you? Right now, I don't think there's been a huge difference. When I came in, we were extremely focused on what we wanted to do. Being here inside City Council, the opportuni-



Helen Gym, a first-term councilwoman, attends a meeting with housing advocates discussing youth homelessness in Philadelphia. **CHARLES MOSTOLLER**

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ties have opened up a lot of spaces that we haven't traditionally been able to access. That was extremely empowering.

But the other thing that I think has been really exciting about being in City Council is that it opens up other opportunities. It pushes you to work beyond your traditional areas. I think what's good is that the skill set that [I] tried to develop over the years doing a lot of activism and organizing is for me, right now, the right skill set that helps me fit in in City Council.

We are facing the start of the school year, which has historically been a very chaotic time in Philadelphia. In 2012 through 2014, schools were shutting down, funds weren't being released, there weren't enough textbooks. Have you noticed in the last couple of years — perhaps because of changes in our state government — that it will be less chaotic this year? I have a hard time with

this, because I think last year with the teacher vacancy issues that we experienced, probably put me in terms of where I thought the school district was, probably right at the bottom. Like, right back in 2013 when we closed down the schools. That's how chaotic I think last year was.

So to come out of that and say, "Oh do you think this year will be better?" Maybe. But there's so much to unpack about what went wrong last year, and there are the same leadership folks in place. The accountability [and] communication lines have to be stronger. I don't think it's a matter of saying, "Hey, let's try this and see what happens." I'm over that. I'm not interested in experiments, I'm not interested in "nothing can be worse," because we found that over four years, things get worse, and we lose our eye on some really core issues.

Just because you're not hearing about it enough,

I am way more outraged and upset over how I'm looking at schools right now. Things have got to get done, and someone's got to push on what the priorities are. For me, that would be teaching and learning in the classroom, safety in our schools and basic levels of humane facilities for children.

I'm not going to give predictions or Pollyannaish pronouncements about these kinds of things. I think there is a lot of work to do. And people have to buckle down and get super serious about what our priorities are going to be; we're not going to be able to do everything, but we have got to fix some of the staggering abuses that happened as early as June.

The district's problems are vast and varied. Problems like the health and wellness of students and student achievement. What's your guiding ethos in solving them?

I think it's engagement. We've got to really engage with these schools; we can't say, "Oh, well there's a superintendent and a SRC so they've got to fix it, or City Council just has to fund it, or parents just have to send their kids to school or kids just have to show up." This is not the way that we accomplish schools. I think that people have to engage on multiple levels.

But you've also accomplished a lot in the last year.

There are things to celebrate. We do have those little hydration stations in schools, we have a full-time nurse — we've never had a full-time nurse. In every single school, five days a week. I don't remember the last time we've had one. That is a really great thing and I wish that we could celebrate that more. We're eliminating split grades and really abusive conditions, and we're focusing in on teacher vacancies. Those are really low-level things but it took a long time to get there, and it took a concentrated effort.



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Cosby won't face trial on sex assault accusations until June
Bill Cosby's sexual assault trial in Pennsylvania has been scheduled for June, and if prosecutors have their way, more than a dozen accusers will take the stand to detail what they claim is a decades-long pattern of attacks.

During a hearing on Tuesday, Court of Common Pleas Judge Steven O'Neill in Norristown, set Cosby's trial for

June 5, 2017, setting up what will likely be months of fiercely fought legal battles over the scope of evidence allowed at trial.

The Montgomery County District Attorney's Office on Tuesday asked O'Neill's permission to call as witnesses 13 women who claim the 79-year-old entertainer assaulted them.

Cosby is charged with drugging and assaulting Andrea Constand in 2004 at his Penn-

sylvania home. Approximately 60 women have accused Cosby of similar attacks, though the Constand case is the only one to result in a criminal prosecution thus far.

The former star of the 1980s TV series "The Cosby Show," who built a long career on family-friendly comedy, has denied assaulting anyone and has portrayed all of the encounters as consensual.

In general, a defendant's

prior bad acts are not admissible as evidence that he or she committed a particular crime. Prosecutors, however, are allowed on rare occasions to use evidence or witnesses to prove a defendant committed a crime as part of a longstanding pattern of behavior.

Judges typically weigh the value of such evidence against the possibility that it will unfairly prejudice a jury.

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Philadelphia Schools Superintendent Dr. William Hite CHARLES MOSTOLLER

School district unpacks cartons of new books for Philly kids

More than 130,000 new books for classroom libraries for K through 3rd graders.



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Philadelphia school kids just starting out in elementary school have a special surprise waiting for them when they start school this year — cartons of new educational books.

The School District of Philadelphia announced that more than 130,000 new books will be delivered to create classroom libraries in 53 schools Tuesday as part of The Right Books Campaign.

Kindergarten through third-grade students will get new age-specific classroom libraries "that have been designed specifically for their students to help them become proficient readers and writers," the school district said in a news release.

"There's a deep connection between poverty and not reading," said district Superintendent Dr. William Hite.

"Right now, over 40,000 of our students in grades K to 3rd grade are economically disadvantaged," he said. "Getting the right books in the right hands at the right time can make all the difference, especially among our youngest readers."

The Right Books Campaign, started by The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia, aims to get every student reading at grade level by fourth grade. The fund is a nonprofit that works to connect philanthropic resources with Philly's cash-strapped public schools.

They strive to use these funds to "target strategic priorities that have a measurable impact on the success of students, regardless of zip code, family income or chance," according to the fund's website.

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5 dead in bloody Labor Day weekend

As of Sunday, there have been 190 homicides in the city, a 6 percent increase from 2015.



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Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia was marked by a series of violent incidents, including shootings, stabbings and car crashes that left at least five people dead and several critically injured since Friday afternoon.

Among those injured included the 19-year-old son of a Philadelphia police officer, who was in critical condition after an argument escalated to a shooting inside their Northeast Philly home around 6:30 p.m. Monday. The father, who was off-duty at the time, fired his personal weapon at least twice during the fight, striking the teen in the torso, NBC10 reported.

According to police, the unidentified officer was already on desk duty to recover from an injury, and will remain there while the incident is under investigation.

Later Monday, a man died after being shot in the back of the head in Mt. Airy around 9:30 p.m., CBS Philly reported. Police found the 29-year-old man unconscious in the basement of a home on the 8300 block of Williams Avenue, suffering from a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead around 11 p.m. at the hospital.

Those shootings came after two overnight incidents that left another two people dead. Police are investigating a 30-year-old man's death after an apparent robbery and stabbing. Around 1:25 a.m. Monday, police found the victim lying unresponsive on the sidewalk near the intersection of Belmont and Westminister avenues in Mill Creek. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to NBC10.

About an hour prior, a woman was killed and a man was critically injured after a gunman opened fire. Around 12:30 a.m., on Chadwick Street near Susquehanna Avenue, a woman, 26, was shot in the back, and a man, 25, suffered a gunshot wound to his head.

Both were transported to Temple University Hospital, where the woman was pronounced dead shortly after the shooting, and the man remained in critical condition, CBS Philly reported. Police found eight spent shell casings on the block, but have very few leads and are seeking the public's assistance.

Two more people were killed Sunday in separate incidents in the city. Around 8:30 p.m. on the 800 block of Loudon Street in the city's Logan neighborhood, neighbors reported hearing a loud boom, 6ABC reported. A male suspect had hit a woman in her 30s with a vehicle, and had repeatedly run her over with a 2012 Nissan Maxima, then beat her over the head with a shovel.

The woman was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead around 9:45 p.m. The suspect is now behind bars.

Early Sunday, a man was found with gunshot wounds under the Market-Frankford El in Kensington around 1 a.m., the Associated Press reported. The man was taken to Temple University Hospital, and was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

Elsewhere in the region, car accidents, shootings and a man who shoved a woman through a window after she refused to have sex with him added to the weekend mayhem.

Several bicyclists were injured Saturday after a car struck the group of 11 heading southbound on Route 54 in Atlantic County. Four bicyclists were hurt, including one seriously, and were sent to Cooper Hospital, according to NBC10.



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UPenn party invite sparks 'rape culture' outrage

Hundreds of fliers were papered over UPenn's campus Tuesday denouncing a recent email as evidence of "rape culture" on campus.



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Fliers with the eye-catching title "This is what rape culture looks like" popped up all over University of Pennsylvania's campus earlier this week, apparently in response to an emailed invitation to a party.

The text of the email invitation to a party called "Wild Wednesday" says that girls are invited to a party, but not "teases," and urges female guests to "please wear something tight."

"We are watching" is written in caps at the bottom of the letter.

"May we have your attention please/We're

looking for the fun ones/And say f—k off to a tease," states the invitation, written in the form of a poem and sent by the off-campus organization OZ.

"Add this to the ever growing list of how to feel unsafe on this campus ... to say that this is unacceptable would be a gross understatement," wrote UPenn student Clare Connaughton on Facebook after posting the flier. "To send this to freshmen girls who are already at their most vulnerable, barely a week into the semester?"

A group of young female students created and posted the fliers, which are signed off with a hotline for victims of sexual assault to reach counselors at the Penn Women's Center.

Amanda Silberling, a UPenn junior who helped post the fliers, told school newspaper the Daily Pennsylvanian, "We



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want freshman girls to see the signs we put up and know they don't have to give in to the culture they're thrown into."

She and friends printed up 600 copies of the flier after a female freshman sent the email to Silberling, she said.

A 2015 study by the American Association of Universities polled UPenn and found one-third of

women reported being sexually assaulted.

No statement from the university was immediately available.

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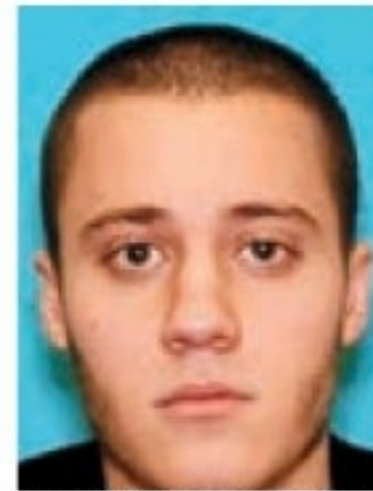
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LA airport gunman pleads guilty to murder, other charges

Ciancia is expected to face a sentence of life in prison when he is sentenced on Nov. 7.



Paul Anthony Ciancia was described by acquaintances as quiet and shy.
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A man who fatally shot a security screener and wounded three other people at a Los Angeles International Airport terminal in 2013 pleaded guilty on Tuesday to federal charges under an agreement with prosecutors to spare him the death penalty.

Paul Ciancia, 26, entered his guilty plea to murder of a federal officer and 10 other criminal counts during a hearing in federal court in Los Angeles, said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Federal prosecutors said last year they intended to seek the

death penalty for Ciancia if the case went to trial, citing what they said was his substantial planning and premeditation ahead of the crime and its impact on the victims.

They agreed not to seek the death penalty under a plea agreement that avoided a lengthy trial in the matter.

Authorities say Cian-

cia walked into Terminal 3 of the second-busiest U.S. airport carrying a semi-automatic rifle and opened fire, killing Gerardo Hernandez, 53, an agent for the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, as he stood at the entrance to a security checkpoint. Hernandez was the first TSA officer killed in the line of duty since the agency was created following the Sept. 11, 2001, suicide hijacking attacks on the United States.

Federal authorities have said that Ciancia, from New Jersey, had set out to target TSA employees.

Investigators said in a criminal complaint they found a handwritten letter signed by Ciancia in his bag that addressed TSA officials, writing that he wanted to "instill fear in your traitorous minds." **REUTERS**

Wildfire in Spain



A burned car is parked at Lynn Barret's house after a wildfire on Sept. 6, 2016, in Javea, in Valencia province, Spain. Hundreds of houses were affected by flames and around 1,400 people had to be evacuated from their houses Tuesday at the resort areas of Javea and Benitachell, due to the intense heat, strong winds and the dense vegetation in the area. **GETTY IMAGES**

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Fox settles sexual harassment lawsuit for \$20M on Ailes' behalf

The company also has settled with two other women who were part of a Fox-initiated investigation by the law firm Paul, Weiss, Wharton & Garrison, according to the source, who wished to remain anonymous.

Fox News will pay \$20 million to settle a sexual harassment lawsuit by former anchor Gretchen Carlson, whose allegations led to the ouster of powerful network chief Roger Ailes in July, a source familiar with the agreement said on Tuesday.

Fox News' parent company, 21st Century Fox, offered a public apology to Carlson, who filed suit

against Ailes in July, saying he took her off a popular show and cut her pay because she refused to have a sexual relationship with him.

While Fox's decision to settle some harassment claims removes a degree of uncertainty around the conservative news channel, observers said there still are questions about its ability to hang onto top talent in the wake of Ailes' departure and whether more allegations will surface.

Fox News also announced on Tuesday that Greta Van Susteren, host of the "On the Record," was leaving the network after 14 years.

A court filing showed Carlson, 50, had voluntarily dismissed her federal lawsuit in New Jersey against Ailes. In a statement she said she was



Security stands in front of Fox News chairman Roger Ailes as he leaves the News Corp. building, July 19, 2016 in New York City. PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

grateful Fox took swift action.

A statement from 21st Century Fox said, "We sincerely regret and apologize for the fact that Gretchen was not treated with the respect and dignity that she and all of our colleagues deserve."

Ailes was the only defendant in Carlson's lawsuit. The source said Ailes'

contract indemnified him from employment-related claims, which is why the company was settling on his behalf.

Fox News still is fighting sexual harassment claims in a New York state court. Former anchor Andrea Tantaros claims she was taken off the air in April in retaliation for rebuffing Ailes' advances

and complaining to top officials at Fox News.

Behind the scenes, her lawsuit said, Fox News was "a sex-fueled, Playboy Mansion-like cult, steeped in intimidation, indecency and misogyny." Fox News characterized Tantaros as an "opportunist" who was taken off the air for writing a book without permission.

Ailes, a former political consultant who founded the conservative news operation in 1996, left Fox less than three weeks after Carlson filed suit, taking a \$40 million severance package. Tantaros and other women who had worked for him then came forward with more harassment allegations.

Carlson, who won the Miss America beauty pageant in 1989, was a long-time co-host on the "Fox and Friends" morning

program before getting her own show in 2013.

In a statement in July Ailes had said her lawsuit was in retaliation for the network's decision not to renew her contract after disappointing ratings for her show.

Attorneys for Ailes did not immediately return calls for comment on the settlement.

A \$20 million settlement is high for a sexual harassment case but not surprising given the high profile of the people involved, said Douglas Wigdor, a New York City employment lawyer who represents employees.

"Any settlement is going to take into account how much the [plaintiff] was earning, as well as the notoriety of the person being accused," said Wigdor, who is not involved in the case. **REUTERS**

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LA passenger train crash injures at least 21

At least 10 people were injured when a Metrolink commuter train carrying nearly 200 passengers crashed into a semi truck on Tuesday morning in Los Angeles, fire department officials said.

The collision occurred around 10:40 a.m. local time in Sun Valley neighborhood of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Fire Department said. The department said at least 21 people were taken to area hospitals with nonlife-threatening injuries.

The driver of the truck was uninjured, the fire department said. Dozens of firefighters and medical personnel were on the scene, triaging the train's 187 passengers, fire department spokesman Erik Scott said.



A Metrolink train GETTY IMAGES

Scott said the crash occurred in an intersection and a crossing guard arm appeared to have been snapped. Fire officials said the five-car, double-decker train was stopped on the tracks and that roads in the area had been closed.

Law enforcement were conducting an investigation into the crash, Scott said. **REUTERS**

BRIEF

Ex-Air China employee pleads not guilty to U.S. smuggling charge

A former Air China Ltd. employee linked to defendants in a U.N. bribery case pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to U.S. charges that she helped military personnel at China's mission to the United Nations smuggle packages out of the United States.

Ying Lin, whom prosecutors said also helped a Chinese national under investigation by the FBI flee the United States last year, entered her plea through her lawyer in Brooklyn federal court to charges including smuggling and obstruction of justice.

"The charges against her are baseless," Deborah Colson, Lin's lawyer, told reporters. "She really looks forward to fighting this and having her day in court."

Prosecutors said Lin, a U.S. citizen, smuggled items onto Air China flights at the direction of Chinese military officers at its U.N. mission and others while working as a counter agent at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

China's Foreign Ministry on Friday criticized the Lin case. It said U.S. accusations concerning diplomatic personnel "have ulterior motives." **REUTERS**

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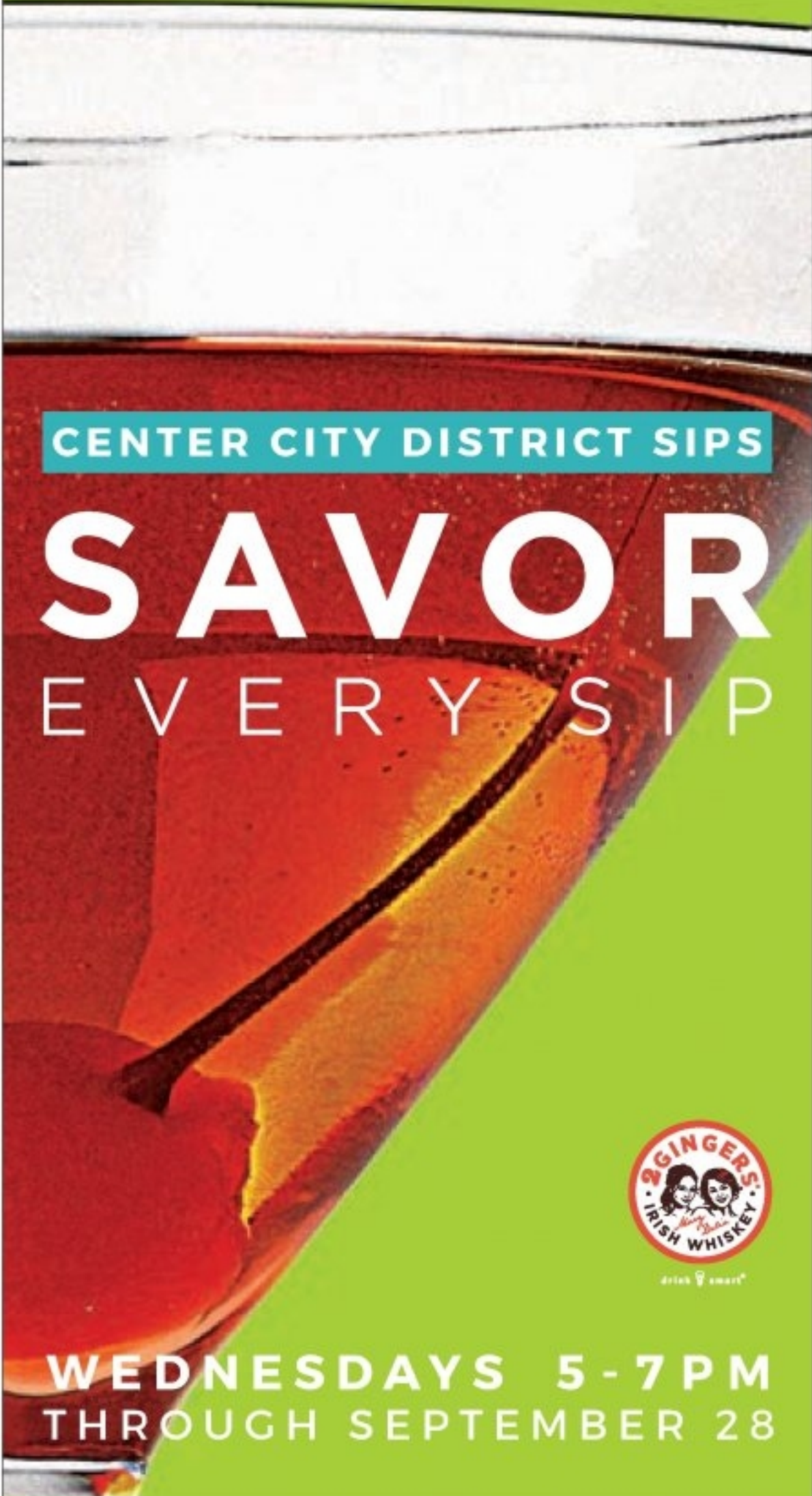
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UN Security Council condemns North Korea's latest missile launches

The missiles likely landed in the sea 120 to 160 miles west of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island.

The U.N. Security Council strongly on Tuesday condemned North Korea's latest ballistic missile launches, saying they contributed to Pyongyang's development of nuclear weapons capability.

North Korea fired three ballistic missiles into the sea off its east coast on Monday, the South Korean and U.S. militaries said, as the leaders of the Group of 20 major economies held a summit in China, the North's main diplo-

matic ally.

"The members of the Security Council deplore all Democratic People's Republic of Korea ballistic missile activities, including these launches," the U.N. body said in a statement, using North Korea's official name.

"Such activities contribute to [North Korea's] development of nuclear weapons delivery systems and increase tension."

Earlier, the United States called for action to enforce Security Council resolutions on North Korea prohibiting ballistic missile-related activities.

"The Security Council must remain unequivocal and united in the condemnation of these tests and we must take action to enforce the words we



North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un
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put on paper, to enforce our resolutions," said U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, after a Security Council meeting.

Power, who spoke along with her Japanese and South Korean counterparts, refrained from elaborating on what fur-

ther action the Security Council could take.

Hahn Choong Hee, South Korea's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, said Pyongyang was spending "a considerable amount" of its resources in developing weapons of mass destruction while sacrificing the living conditions of North Koreans.

Monday's missile launches were the latest in a series by North Korea this year in violation of Security Council resolutions that were supported by China banning ballistic missile-related activities by Pyongyang.

North Korea rejects the ban as infringing its sovereign right to pursue a space program and self defense. REUTERS

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ITT to shut flagship institutes, thousands of students to be affected

ITT Educational Services Inc. said it would shut its flagship ITT Technical Institutes, following a U.S. Department of Education order, affecting thousands of students and employees.

ITT's move is the latest blow to the over \$20 billion U.S. for-profit education industry, which has come under fire from the government in the past couple of years for its poor track record in helping students find employment.

Shutting the institutes will affect more than 8,000 employees and hundreds of thousands of students and alumni, ITT said on Tuesday.

The New York Stock Exchange said it would immediately suspend trading in ITT's shares and delist the company.



The stock last traded at 38.4 cents in premarket trading before being halted.

"We reached this decision only after having exhausted the exploration of alternatives, including transfer of the schools to a nonprofit or public institution," ITT said.

In August, the U.S. Department of Education banned the company from enrolling students who get federal aid.

Such students accounted for more than two-thirds of ITT's revenue in 2015. The

company had 40,000 students at its ITT Technical Institute and Daniel Webster College locations as of June 30.

U.S. for-profit education providers have struggled to attract students since a 2010 government crackdown revealed high student debt loads, low graduation rates and poor employability of graduates.

In April last year, Corinthian Colleges Inc. abruptly closed 28 schools, leaving 16,000 students without classes amid federal and state investigations.

The company, which filed for bankruptcy the following month, was being investigated for allegations of misleading students and investors about its finances and job placement rates. **REUTERS**



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Candidates turn up the heat over national security

On Wednesday, Clinton and Trump will participate in a televised forum on national security sponsored by a veterans group.

The presidential campaign's focus shifted to national security on Tuesday as Republican Donald Trump pledged to help female veterans during a Virginia Beach campaign stop, and with Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine set to deliver a related speech in North Carolina.

Trump, speaking at the event in Virginia, a state with a large military population, began with a pledge to help female veterans if he wins the Nov. 8 election and also said he would work with Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, to "solve the problem" posed by the Islamic State militant group.

"Putin looks at Hillary Clinton and he smiles," Trump said of the Democratic presidential nominee.

Meanwhile Kaine, Clinton's running mate, will deliver a national security speech in North Carolina criticizing Trump's foreign policy credentials, saying he



Trump participated in a discussion with retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn on Tuesday in Virginia Beach, Virginia. GETTY IMAGES

botched his meeting last week with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto.

"The centerpiece of Trump's campaign is building a wall and making Mexico pay for it. It's even a chant at his rallies," Kaine will say, according to excerpts of the speech reviewed by Reuters. "Yet when Trump finally had the chance to look President Peña Nieto in the eye, he said it never came up."

"In other words, he choked. Turns out, Donald isn't such a great negotiator after all," Kaine will add of the New York businessman.

Clinton, a former secretary of state, made similar remarks about Trump's visit to Mexico

on Monday in an interview with ABC.

Ahead of Tuesday's events, Clinton's campaign organized a press conference with military veteran supporters before Trump's event in Virginia and released a new television advertisement showing veterans and their families reacting to statements Trump has made about national security.

In the ad, their reactions are juxtaposed with footage of Trump saying that he knows more about Islamic State than U.S. military generals, criticizing Sen. John McCain for being captured as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and comparing what he called his own



Hillary Clinton gets into her vehicle at Tampa International Airport on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

We are going to do whatever is necessary for as long as it takes to bring ISIS to justice."

Clinton

sacrifices as a businessman to those of parents of slain soldiers.

Clinton told a get-out-the-vote rally in Tampa, Florida, that she, not Trump, is best prepared to protect the U.S. military serving overseas and take on Islamic State.

"We are going to do whatever is necessary for as long as it takes to bring ISIS to justice," Clinton said.

"I am a very patient person, I don't quit, I don't give up, I don't blink," she added.

Both Florida and Virginia are considered swing states that could play a pivotal role in the outcome of the November election.

Trump's campaign moved to pre-empt the criticism from Clinton's camp on Tuesday by releasing a letter signed by 88 retired U.S. generals and admirals who are supporting the Republican nominee's White House bid.

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BRIEF

Clinton slams Trump for commenting on Fed policies

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton criticized Republican rival Donald Trump on Tuesday for making comments about the Federal Reserve's monetary policies, which she said should be off-limits for U.S. presidents and presidential candidates.

"You should not be commenting on Fed actions when you are either running for president or you are president," Clinton told reporters on her campaign plane. "Words have consequences. Words move markets. Words can be misinterpreted."

Trump, who has previously accused the U.S. central bank of keeping interest rates low to help Democratic President Barack Obama, said on Monday that interest rates should change.

"They're keeping the rates down so that everything else doesn't go down," Trump said in response to a reporter's request to address a potential rate hike by the Federal Reserve in September. "We have a very false economy."

Clinton criticized the New York real estate magnate in her second press conference in as many days.

"He should not be trying to talk up or talk down the economy, and he should not be adding the Fed to his long list of institutions and individuals that he is maligning and otherwise attacking," she said.

Clinton, a former U.S. senator from New York and secretary of state, also said that daughter Chelsea Clinton's involvement in the Clinton Foundation charity will be decided after the Nov. 8 election. REUTERS

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Daniel Craig won't ever be able to never say never again

The producers of the Bond movies have heard your pitches for the next Bond. You want dashing Tom Hiddleston. Or you want he-man Chris Hemsworth. You might even want someone considered "outside the box" to reflect our changing times, like Idris Elba or Gillian Anderson. These sugges-

tions have been duly noted. Which is why they just offered \$150 million to present 007 Daniel Craig to do it at least two more times.

Their intransigence is matched only by the actor himself, with both sides engaged in an apparent stubborn-off. Not long ago Craig — who's so gung-ho about the role he said he'd rather "slash" his wrists than do it again, and spent "Spectre" looking like he was steeling himself for an upcoming rectal exam — was offered \$100 million, which he turned down.

Maybe he can get them up to \$200 million?

Would \$500 million coax him away from a life doing theater, making noble indies about sand or just hanging with cool wife Rachel Weisz? And would a haul big enough to fill a money bin be enough to make him take the franchise as seriously as he did when he started — when the idea of a dour, anguished and decidedly less sexist 007 still seemed fresh? In any case, get on the trolley, Bond execs: If this were Marvel, it would've replaced Craig, now 48, with a teenager two years ago.

the word

Kanye West wants Saint Pablo to be "internet-proof"

Kanye West brought his ridiculously awesome flying stage to the Boston show of his Saint Pablo tour last weekend, and it was even cooler than it sounds, which is to say: seriously, unbelievably, crazy cool.

While the stage, suspended overhead by four cables, was the main attraction, fans who may have looked forward to hearing West's next major rant or another George W. Bush/T-Swift moment were probably disappointed: The typically loquacious artist was mostly mum. He assured fans it was all part of the plan: 2016 was a great year to be a Kanye West fan, he said, so the artist was just keeping his comments "internet proof" out of respect for his fans.

"Y'all get a free year" from defending



him, he jokingly told the crowd.

West did take one major break to address the crowd during an interlude during "Runaway," in which he shared some folk wisdom with the crowd that likely had a familiar ring to some of the more devoted parishioners of the Church of Yeezus.

"The media, from

when you're a little ass kid, tells you not to love yourself," West said. "They take something out of you and try to sell it back to you, like that Benz you buy yourself out of college. Or that townhouse. Something that you've been fighting for your entire life and it was taken from you as a child, that you always had inside

of you. And that's self-love."

Then, with his voice autotuned to the looping piano accompaniment, Kanye started to sing. "They teach you not to love yourself, but if you don't love yourself how can you love someone?" he sang. "That's why I love you so much, 'cuz everybody knows I love me so much."

Lena Dunham causes more commotion with resurfaced racist tweets

Like a train wreck you can't turn away from, Lena Dunham is back on blast with racist tweets from 2010 and 2011 that were resurfaced and are spreading like wildfire.

For the 30-year-old actress, the backlash must feel routine after she found herself apologizing just days ago following an interview with Amy Schumer. During the segment, Dunham claimed Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. chose to avert his male gaze from her presence at the Met Gala because she was sporting a tuxedo and a bow tie. It wasn't long before swarms of Twitter users criticized the self-proclaimed feminist for her narcissism and sexualization of the black



male body. She later apologized for the statements, which she attributed to her own insecurity as a plus-sized woman among a room of super-models.

This week, in a not-so-shocking series of events, the star's digital past has come back to haunt her with a series of racially insensitive tweets from 2010 and 2011 surfacing. The tweets include one from 2011 in which she wrote, "An uncool thought to have: 'Is that guy walking in the dark behind me a rapist? Never mind, he's Asian.'"

Outraged Twitter users are demanding an apology — some telling her to delete her account — and if the past speaks for itself, Dunham's next move is on its way.

Azealia Banks is now selling random belongings online



Azealia Banks announced to Facebook over the weekend that she's selling a ton of her stuff online at her Depop page, called Cheapy K-t (rhymes with hunt) Xchange. Hmm ...

The 25-year-old, who has a reputation for being volatile on social media, waxed dramatic on Facebook about waking up one day and deciding she needed to change, realizing that "similar to my emotional tendencies, I was holding on to so many

things that I have no use for."

Perusing the page, it looks like an array of junk — she may be broke, but she certainly does not have expensive taste. It's reasonably priced, like \$5 for turquoise MAC eye shadow and \$2 for an Azealia Banks sticker. (Although, Slay, why would you price two paperback copies of Judy Blume's "Are You There, God, It's Me, Margaret?" for \$21? Just because they're "vintage"?)

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From left: Paul Giess, Bert Harris and Kevin Diehl of The Willow Trio PROVIDED

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Greg Kennedy talks giving up engineering for a juggling career

The "Innovative Juggler" performs at the FringeArts Festival this Friday.



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When most of us were kids, juggling was the province of children's parties, circus sideshows and talk-show television — to say nothing of bowlers, who marveled at seeing their pins flying. Who didn't love a juggler in between trapeze artists or stand-up comedians? The art of juggling seems attainable ("I can do that!") yet impossible ("No way!"), which made it all the more magical. In the hands of Greg Kennedy, however, juggling always looks improbable

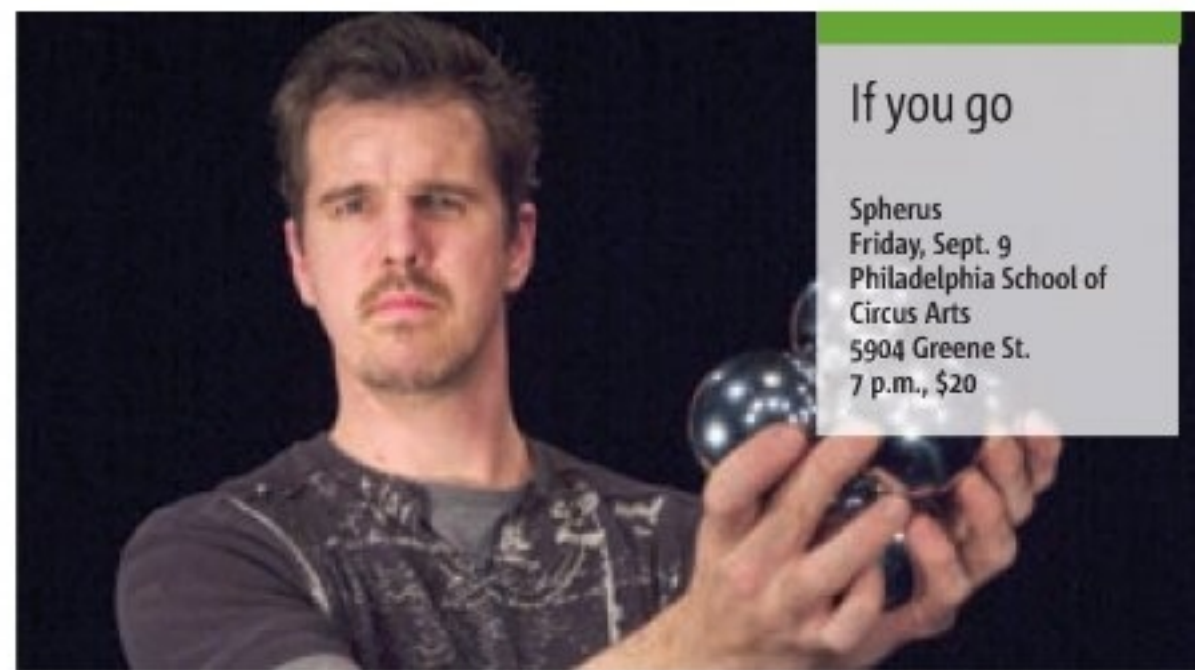
because he exists within giant, elaborate, magnetic stage sets and perilous circumstances. Kennedy will perform as a part of the Spherus Circus at the FringeArts Festival this week.

You worked as an engineer forever. What makes an engineer decide to take up juggling as a full-time profession?
I'd been juggling as a hobby for years, and in the '90s started bringing more engineering into my juggling — building my own props, coming up with ideas for different shapes.

Was there a moment when the two professions combusted?
Nineteen-ninety-six was the turning point. I designed this piece I call

"Hemisphere" where I roll balls inside an acrylic bowl. I competed with it at the International Jugglers Association Championships and won the gold medal. I decided it was time to truly see if I could make a living doing something I really enjoyed. I asked my engineering boss for a short leave of absence to perform juggling [in] Japan. That was February 1997 — I never went back.

What is the hardest part of mastering the techniques?
I was a kid that took things apart and put them back together again. I always liked a challenge, and I was pretty coordinated. While I could juggle three balls as long as I could remember, I



Greg Kennedy performs on Friday, Sept. 9 as part of the 20th Annual Fringe Festival in Philly. PROVIDED

didn't start training seriously until high school. I always had an obsessive personality, so juggling was a good fit.

You appeared as part of Spherus with aerial dancers' acrobatics as part of the gig. Was that fun or distracting having someone spinning around you?
No, it's fun to share the stage, and the aerialists' choreography makes a nice complement to the manipulation work. Their grace and flow is a good balance to my precision.

What sort of forethought goes into your massive set pieces?
So much planning. It starts with sketches, and then goes on to miniature models of the apparatus. To build the actual shape is usually full of problems — I break a lot of things before I find the method that works.

What makes juggling innovative?
Juggling itself is not innovative. It's been done for thousands of years. But for most of that time it's been done with very

traditional and prescribed forms. Only in the last 20 or 30 years have we started to ask: What else can we manipulate and how?

You're appearing in our FringeArts Fest. What makes juggling an avant-garde art form?
I've spent decades mastering these unique skills, creating beauty out of objects in motion. Everyone sees different things in my work, but above all, it's really enjoyable and thought-provoking.

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Grubhouse, South Philly Taproom, Mike's BBQ, T&N Kitchen and Taproom on 19th will dish out a variety of eats all day long. Joining them will be the wonderful aromas and sweet treats of Cafe y Chocolate and Chaat and Chai, local staples Philly Soft Pretzel Company and Dati's Water Ice, and



South Philly becomes sausage central this Saturday. ANTHONY CAROTO

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Natasha Lyonne hearts New York

The star chats about her horror film, "Antibirth," and why she's scared of the L train.



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Natasha Lyonne is not the kind of actress you just bombard with questions. She speaks her mind, and is excited if you go along with her. We're supposed to talk about "Antibirth," an indie horror film that she produced, in which she plays Lou, a stoner in a nowhere town filled with drug-addled former Marines who wakes up after a wild party knocked-up — not with a baby but with some unidentified hell beast. But the "Orange Is the New Black" performer and I wind up talking about whatever, starting with my assumption that she's in Los Angeles. (She's not.)



Natasha Lyonne gets to act with her longtime friend Chloe Sevigny in the indie horror "Antibirth." IFC FILMS

Are you in Los Angeles?
Never. I've never been to Los Angeles.

I don't believe that.
Not my problem.

I've seen a number of films you were in that were clearly shot there.
CGI, man.

It was all CGI?

Everything I do is CGI.

It was very convincing.
Thank you. And it was low-budget. All of the budget goes to the CGI work.

As a New Yorker, are you someone who's really down on Los Angeles?
You know, what I feel about Los Angeles is this:

Who cares? I spent so much of my teenage years on the debate of New York versus Los Angeles and how awful it is and how integrity can only live in New York, and so forth. Now, I just feel like I'm too old to have that conversation again.

How do you feel about Brooklyn?

My father's from Flatbush, so I never got the appeal of

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Brooklyn. Especially with the L train. Let's be honest about the L train: Is it my imagination or is a giant catastrophe coming our way? Everybody knows it. I don't like the fact that they know the train needs to be handled in a

major way. You're talking millions of rides before they get to the actual construction. And they already know the train is so problematic. That to me spells eerie, impending catastrophe. I don't like it. I would strongly advise people to reroute prematurely. I know it's an inconvenience, but I don't trust the L train.

It's another thing New Yorkers can complain about. It's a great city to just be mean.

It's great. The anonymity and vitriol and belligerent nonsense cannot be beat. [Laughs] The consequence-free nature of giving somebody a shoulder because they're carrying their umbrella too low on a crowded street — where else in the world can you get that kind of excitement? That's why everyone in New York is so great. We're a very happy people, because we're constantly dealing with our angst.

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Aaron Paul likes it dark

It's not easy talking to Aaron Paul about "The 9th Life of Louis Drax." A kind of fantasy-horror-thriller-noir, it concerns a young, accident-prone boy (Aiden Longworth) who falls off a cliff in the opening scene, survives, then tries to unravel how he got there. The "Breaking Bad" star plays Peter, his adoptive father, mostly seen in flashbacks, who is viewed as either an emotionally abusive husband to Louis' mother (Sarah Gadon) or a loving, doting dad to Louis. We can't say any more, because to say more is to spoiler a movie with a lot of twists.

"Louis Drax" was written by the actor Max Minghella. Did you know him before?

I'm a huge fan of him as an actor. When I read a script, I like to know nothing about them going in. I'll just open up a script and start reading.



Aaron Paul plays a man who may or may not have had a hand in the near-fatal accident of an imaginative boy (Aiden Longworth) in "The 9th Life of Louis Drax," now in theaters. **SUMMIT PREMIERE**

With this, I opened it up on my phone, thinking, "I'll just read the first five pages, to see how the writing is." And then I read the whole thing, on my phone. I was like, "Who wrote this?" And then I saw his name, and was like, "That guy can write, too? What an a—hole!" [Laughs] He's a great actor, a good-looking kid and an incredible writer.

It's hard to talk about your character, because there are major spoilers and we only see him in flashbacks. How do you describe him without ruining the movie?

You see him from different perspectives. You see him being this aggressive, frustrated husband [to wife Natalie]. You also see him as a loving, nurturing, passionate father [to Louis]. You're not sure

which is his true side, or what side you're going to see next.

You also get to play a father, which you've done a few times before.

I love kids. It was important to me to spend a lot of time with Aiden. It's great to have kids on set. I love coming-of-age stories, so I love watching movies about kids in that age group — just looking at the world with a different set of eyes. I remember being that age. Films like "The Goonies" or "Stand By Me" were the reason I'm doing what I'm doing. I love seeing things like "Stranger Things" making a huge splash in this industry.

And like "Stand by Me," this is an R-rated movie, but for kids, which is a neat genre.

It's great! They're not afraid to really go there.

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Amos Lee released his sixth studio full-length in August. MICHAEL LAVINE

'Spirit' and soul

Amos Lee goes for hometown pride with his latest album.

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It's taken a good dozen years for singer-songwriter Amos Lee to embrace his Philadelphia soul roots as fully as he does on his new album, "Spirit," which dropped Aug. 19.

"It does have a much more soulful direction, much more R&B, but that's due to the instrumentation and arrangements," says Lee, speaking from his hometown ("My town," as he affectionately calls Philly). "The first record was more acoustic because of its elements: just me and an acoustic guitar and drums. I'm not a genre-fied writer. My favorite albums have a thread

continuing through the songs that pulls you through the record from start to finish — and that's a sonic thread. That for me is what makes it a great listen all the way through."

Steering "Spirit's" soul-infused sonic thread was Lee himself. After two career boosting albums produced by music veterans Joey Burns of Calexico (2011's "Mission Bell," which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, and spun off a hit single with "Windows Are Rolled Down"), and Jay Joyce (of Little Big Town, Eric Church, Cage the Elephant on 2013's "Mountains of Sorrow, Rivers of Song"), the 39 year old felt confident taking the helm as producer.

"My role was more of facilitating people and bringing together the right musicians to elevate the songs," he says. "This

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was so much a collective effort, a collaboration. Overall, being a producer meant choosing the musicians I wanted to work with without anyone in between us. Picking the right people focused the recording process on the songs. I really did my homework."

Key in boosting Lee's confidence in taking on the producer role was fashion designer John Varvatos, who signed Lee to his Varvatos Records, an imprint through Republic Records.

"When I met with John

the first time, I knew his clothes but didn't know the person. But from the first meeting and talking about this record, he was so supportive of me producing. There was no pressure and a lot of freedom; it was super encouraging.

"But much of all this is thanks to my old mentor Bruce Lundvall," he adds of the late Blue Note Records label head, who passed away in 2015 after a storied career working with artists like Willie Nelson, Herbie Hancock, Dexter Gordon and Norah Jones. Lee's previous recordings, five albums in all, were all on Blue Note.

"You can avoid a lot of problems if you take the time to tell how the vibe is when you meet someone," Lee continues. "Also, I try to pull from people I know. I'm a quick judge; I get a feeling and go with it."



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The bachelor pad: a room-by-room upgrade

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Maybe you're finally single. Maybe you're regrettably single. Maybe you're strategically single, as usual, thank you very much. Whatever the case, gentlemen, you have one thing in common: Your bachelor pad could likely use a little work. As fall arrives and nesting season begins, we caught up with Patty Frischman and Tanhya Schimel — founders of SimplyHome2, a NYC-based design service specializing in settling clients into new homes — for room-by-room upgrade advice.

The kitchen

Even men who know their way around the kitchen tend to be unprepared for company. "What we find in most men's bachelor kitchens is the bare minimum—often times, they have a

single pot and pan," says Frischman. "The first thing we do is fill the cabinets with a variety of sizes of cookware so they can prepare a real meal. It's also nice to have a cheese board and a couple of other serving dishes and trays." Honorable mention: a set of legit knives.

The bedroom

Gentleman, those flannel sheets belong at camp, not on your grown-man bed. "Fresh white linens with or without a border are essential to every man's master bedroom," says Schimel. "A cozy blanket at the end of the bed is a nice touch, too."

The bathroom

How does one makeover a bathroom for \$50? Like this: "A garbage can as opposed to a plastic bin is an upgrade," says Frischman. "And a matching set of towels that aren't frayed and don't scream 'frat boy' is an absolute must!" Done and done.

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The living room

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Joel Embiid's offseason has fans excited, but can the big man translate his raw skills into NBA production? KYLE PHILLIPPI

Embiid, not Simmons, matters most this season for Sixers' future

The Sixers' center remains the biggest and most important unknown.

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More than two years have passed.

All that's known about Joel Embiid remains the same: He can dunk. He can step back and hit 3-pointers. He has grown a couple of inches. He's slimmed down. He looks like an imposing player.

Until training camp begins, the unknown outweighs the known.

Embiid was selected by the 76ers with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2014 NBA Draft. Injuries have derailed the big man and he has yet to don a Sixers uniform.

But this is all likely to change very soon. That has to make this passionate fan base very excited.

With all the anticipation surrounding Ben Simmons, it's Embiid that truly matters the

most. The center from Kansas will be the catalyst in the middle and he has skills which project into an All-Star-caliber player.

But Embiid has to show it all on the court. Practicing one-on-one, shooting free throws at PCOM or rehabbing in the pool mean very little if it all doesn't translate into the 2016-17 regular season and beyond.

"I feel 100 percent and ready to get started," Embiid told reporters at the Sixers' recent Beach Bash in Avalon, New Jersey. "My summer has been great. We have been working on a lot this summer and I got a chance to play a little bit against the guys, and it has been going great."

Embiid's most recent procedure was a bone graft surgery on his right foot. Expect the Sixers to remain cautious with Embiid's minutes in training camp and the regular season.

Plain and simple, Embiid needs to play. He needs to show that he can withstand the pounding. This is the No. 3 overall pick, a po-

tential franchise cornerstone. It has been wise to hold him out.

From here, Embiid's progress is even more crucial.

"I think they are going to start me slow, but I am the type of guy, I learn fast," Embiid told reporters. "I haven't played in two years but once I get it, I will be pretty good."

Embiid's last actual game action came all the way back on March 1, 2014, when he posted a double-double of 13 points and 13 rebounds in a seven-point loss to Oklahoma State.

Competing against NBA big men will be a whole different challenge. And he'll have to deal with the mental challenge of not worrying about his previous injuries.

No one really knows how Embiid will respond to the physical and mental challenges. What seemed like a risky pick at the time could turn out to be a steal. Or it could be a bust.

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Recent moves show Roseman, Pederson could be winning duo

The Eagles' aggressive offseason is more reflective of what owner Jeffrey Lurie wanted from Chip Kelly era.



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Howie Roseman is shooting from the hip.

And so far this season, it seems to be working.

The muddled, confusing, contradictory offseason the Eagles have had clearly has not followed a preconceived plan or philosophy. But after overpaying for Sam Bradford and Chase Daniel, paying a ransom to draft Carson Wentz, and then 11th hour trades to jettison Bradford (for a first- and fourth-round pick) and Eric Rowe (for an offensive lineman and a pick), the Eagles are arguably in better shape than they were six months ago.

"In terms of what we're trying to do, we're just trying to put together and have a process where we can become a great team again," Roseman, the Eagles' executive vice president of football operations, said. "We think our fans deserve that and that's what we're looking to do. We know that's a process; that doesn't happen overnight. We're just going to take it one day at a time and one transaction at a time."

A day at a time seems to be the mantra.

A few seasons ago,



Howie Roseman is finally acting as the aggressive GM Eagles fans have clamored for. GETTY IMAGES

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie went on the record with reporters at the NFL owners meetings, talking about his decision to hire and hang on to Chip Kelly and his addition of general manager responsibilities to Kelly's job description.

In the interview, Lurie said he was OK with Kelly's decision to trade LeSean McCoy, a season after Kelly also chose to cut DeSean Jackson.

"I've lived through a lot of division championships, a lot of playoff appearances, a lot of final four appearances," Lurie said in March of 2015. "But our goal is further than that. We want to deliver a Super Bowl."

"It's very difficult to

get from good to great. It's a gamble to go from good to great because you could go from good to mediocre with changes."

The Eagles went to mediocre fairly quickly after Kelly made his moves and implemented an offensive scheme that may not be well-suited for the NFL. However, Roseman's recent transactional decisions seem to more reflect Lurie's hopes when he took the bold step of hiring Kelly in the first place.

Just over the last few months, Roseman has traded away Kelly burdens DeMarco Murray and Mark Sanchez, has swapped Dennis Kelly for high-ceiling stud receiver Dorial Green-Beckham, and completed the afore-

mentioned trades of Bradford and Rowe.

With Doug Pederson bringing back his mentor Andy Reid's scheme, the Eagles seem to finally have an aggressive GM providing players for a coaching philosophy that has been, more or less, tried and true in the early 2000s in Philly and recently in Kansas City.

The combination of Pederson and Kelly could be a winning formula. Aggression meets convention.

"I just know I'm going to coach the guys that we have hard," the coach said Monday. "I'm going to make sure that they're ready and prepared. That's my job. We just take it one at a time."

Eagles have \$22M in dead cap after Bradford, Rowe trades

The Eagles are building for the future, and few would argue that the team has not improved vastly thanks to Howie Roseman's recent trades of DeMarco Murray, Byron Maxwell, Sam Bradford and Mark Sanchez (among others — including Eric Rowe and Kiko Alonso).

But a by-product of all that movement, of players with undesirable contracts, is the Eagles were left to eat a lot of dead money. According to Spotrac.com, Philly has the third most dead money of any NFL team at just over \$22.4 million. Only the Browns and Saints have more. That's roughly 14 percent of the team's \$155 million salary cap allowance.

Philadelphia is playing 13 players more than \$100,000 this season not to play for the

team, including Matt Barkley (\$124,000), Riley Cooper (\$2.4 million), Evan Mathis (\$1 million) and Rueben Randle (\$500,000).

The Birds are eating more than half a million of Rowe's salary, the second-year corner they traded to the Patriots Tuesday, and are taking a \$5.5 million cap hit on Bradford's salary after sending him to the Vikings on Saturday. The Eagles already paid Bradford \$11 million when he signed his contract.

In 2017, things clear up with most of these salary hits coming off the books, save for a \$904,000 cap hit the Eagles will hang on to for Rowe. The cavalier approach the team is taking, building up dead money will not hurt it long term, so it isn't as bad as it looks. EVAN MACY



Sam Bradford will still be collecting the Eagles' checks. GETTY IMAGES

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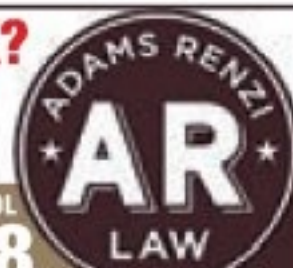
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- 10 Funny fellows
- 14 Desensitize
- 15 Wave away
- 16 "-- do for now"
- 17 Autumn sign
- 18 Dusting powder
- 19 Small combo
- 20 KLM datum
- 21 Not just local (hyph.)
- 24 Hybrid citrus
- 26 Swindles
- 27 Toronto's prov.
- 28 Gravy thickener
- 30 Haughty types
- 33 Kingdom
- 34 Practical question
- 37 Smoke detector output
- 38 Chain dance
- 39 "Alice" waitress
- 40 Before, in combos
- 41 Damsels
- 42 Clumsy
- 43 Cheers
- 44 Army address
- 45 Charm
- 48 Ravines
- 52 Black belt's food?
- 55 Rapper Tone --
- 56 Rainbow goddess
- 57 Ensure failure

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- 63 Bohemian
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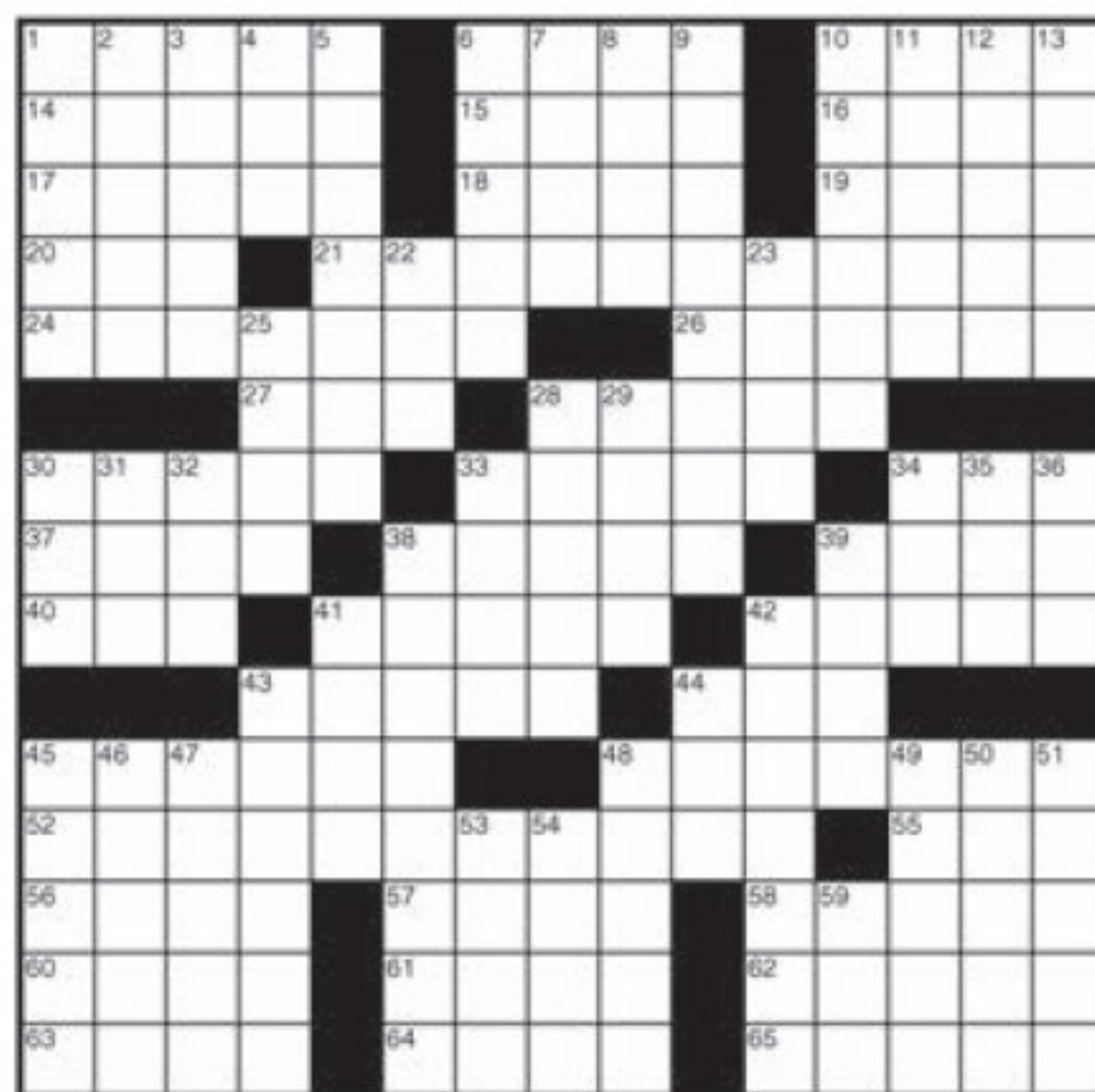
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- 5 Stuns with noise
- 6 Kind of turf
- 7 Blacken
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- 9 Soft drink choice

(hyph.)

- 10 Dry up
- 11 Posh hotel lobbies
- 12 Faint gleam
- 13 Plows through
- 22 Neighbor of CTRL
- 23 Sidekick
- 25 Lots and lots
- 28 Wards off
- 29 Dawdles
- 30 Enjoy a fine brandy
- 31 Mail-motto word
- 32 United
- 33 Stir up
- 34 Wield an ax
- 35 Sitcom planet
- 36 Course of action
- 38 Rang (2 wds.)
- 39 Be different
- 41 Carnivore's diet
- 42 Medicinal root
- 43 On the rise
- 44 Drain, as energy
- 45 Watchdog breed
- 46 KP tool
- 47 News medium
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Aries Find a way to bring yourself closer to a loved one. Working alongside someone will help you find peace of mind and a plan to build a better future.



Taurus Don't fold under pressure, or it will cost you financially or emotionally. Draw on your experience and call the shots instead in order to avoid an uncomfortable situation.



Gemini Don't let emotional matters escalate. You are best off being kind and understanding, and offering positive gestures, not a verbal bashing.



Cancer Take pride in what you do and dominate whatever situation you face. An event that gives you a platform to speak and share your ideas will result in an interesting encounter.



Leo Listen attentively, but don't feel the need to give in to someone who doesn't share your values or ideals. Focus on self-improvement instead of trying to control or change others.



Virgo Get back to basics and make a point to reconnect with someone you miss or who you feel can contribute something to your life. A partnership looks promising.



Libra You'll have an awakening if you are willing to make changes. Doing things differently or updating the way you think will lead to progress. Don't back down.



Scorpio Emotions will surface and provide the energy and wherewithal required to get things done. Push forward and don't stop until you feel satisfied with your accomplishments.



Sagittarius Stop hiding out and evading issues that need to be addressed. You can't move forward until you tie up loose ends and rid yourself of the situation that is holding you back.



Capricorn Walk away from a bully or a situation that can lead to injury. Caution will help you avoid a mishap. Protect your home, word and reputation.



Aquarius Consider how your actions will influence the lives of the people you love. It's important not to act in haste, even if someone pressures you.



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